

3 August 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] called yesterday afternoon and requested that we have lunch today, 3 August 1978. We did. He said he had initiated the get together with me again because "as you know, [REDACTED] has this open-ended, eight-part contract with the DCI, and he is interested in monitoring the follow-up to our initial surveys."

2. I told [REDACTED] that in regard to follow-up on the initial [REDACTED] survey of LITINT, which [REDACTED] had conducted, the follow-up was in full swing by a small group of open-source collection managers, who would conclude their task probably by the end of September. The reason why we did not go back to [REDACTED] with a follow-up contract, I explained, was because it was not necessary to do so and would have been most difficult to justify. "The regulation reads that outside contracts are justified when the job to be done cannot be accomplished by using Intelligence Community personnel, and in truth the people who make up the OSCOL working group can handle this job quite well."

3. [REDACTED] said he understood and that he held me to be an "honest bureaucrat", quickly adding that the observation was intended as a compliment. He asked that I keep him in mind for possible future contract work should it become necessary to have someone on the outside who would "call it as it is." I assured him that I would do so.

